

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of changes will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the specification:

Listing of Claims:

CANCEL Claims 1-10

11. (New) A fastening device for retention in a hole comprising an elongate shank with a head and a threaded portion in screw threaded engagement with a cylindrical retainer member having an outer surface, in at least part of whose outer surface there is an annular recess being formed in at least part of said outer surface, the depth of which recess increases in the direction towards said head, said recess accommodating an expansible member having an internal surface, said internal surface engaging the surface of said recess and said expansible member extending out of said recess, said fastening device further including a spring engaging said shank in the vicinity of said head that is adapted to engage the margin of said hole and urge said shank in the direction out of said hole.

12. (New) A fastening device as claimed in Claim 11 in which the said expansible member is a metallic ring.

13. (New) A fastening device as claimed in claim 12 in which said ring comprises a split ring.

14. (New) A fastening device as claimed in claim 11 in which the surface of said recess is frustoconical.

15. (New) A fastening device as claimed in claim 12 in which the surface of said recess is frustoconical.

16. (New) A fastening device as claimed in claim 13 in which the surface of said recess is frustoconical.

17. A fastening device as claimed in claim 12 in which said internal surface of said ring is frustoconical and complementary to the surface of said recess.

18. (New) A fastening device as claimed in claim 12 in which said ring has an outer edge directed toward said the head and said outer edge is defined by two surfaces which extend at less than 90° to each other.

19. (New) A fastening device as claimed in claim 11 in which said spring has a hole formed on it and said shank comprises longitudinally spaced ribs for engagement with the margin of said hole in said spring.

20. (New) A fastening device as claimed in claim 11 in situ in a hole, said spring urging said shank out of said hole.

21. (New) A fastening device as claimed in claim 12 in situ in a hole, said spring urging said shank out of said hole.

22. (New) A fastening device as claimed in claim 13 in situ in a hole, said spring urging said shank out of said hole.

23. (New) A fastening device as claimed in claim 11 in situ fastening together two metallic components of an automotive engine.

24. (New) A fastening device as claimed in claim 12 in situ fastening together two metallic components of an automotive engine.

25. (New) A fastening device as claimed in claim 13 in situ fastening together two metallic components of an automotive engine.